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RE: MUR 5127 (Democratic Party of Illinois)

Dear Mr. Wilson and Ms. Corley:

On July 29, 2002, your clients, the Democratic Party of Illinois and Michael Kasper, as treasurer, and Timothy Mapes, as executive director, were notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that they violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434(b). On October 4, 2002, you submitted a response to the Commission's reason to believe findings. After considering the circumstances of the matter, the Commission determined on January 27, 2004, to take no further action against your clients and closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1572.

Sincerely,

Brant Levine

Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Michael Kasper, Esq.

